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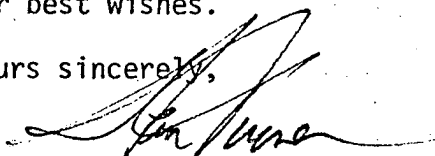
Dear Mr. Gates,

Judging from the nautical references in your letter, I can only conclude that your heart is in your work as curator of the Naval Museum of the Pacific. I wouldn't try to match your "salty" terms, but simply say that I appreciate your wishes for fair winds as I assume my new command.

I will ask my former Chief of Public Information at Allied Forces Southern Europe to look into the possibilities of a photograph to meet your requirements and you will hear from him later about it.

Thanks again for your best wishes.

Yours sincerely,



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